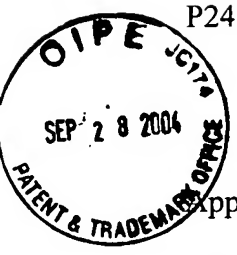


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Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 4, 2004, in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a further search report from the United Kingdom Patent Office, with respect to counterpart United Kingdom Patent Application No. 0408221.0, in which the following additional document was cited:

Mathew, John (PhD. Thesis), "A study of the fluid mechanics and the cultivation of mammalian cells in a magnetically stabilized fluidized bed bioreactor," Rice University, Houston, TX, 1994, including Abstract, Acknowledgement, Table of Contents and pages 1-151

The Examiner is requested to review the United Kingdom Search Report to ascertain the relevance of the documents indicated by the United Kingdom Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted document is attached hereto and is listed on the attached PTO-

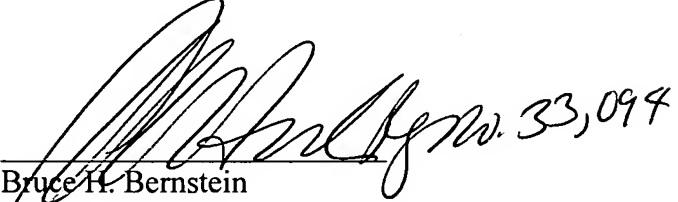
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1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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